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For: Oswald file (copy to Mansfield room)

Calendar Page Autograph By Oswald Sells for $250

A calendar page signed by Lee Harvey Oswald a month before the assassination of President John F. Kennedy will be sold for $250 on Dec. 14, in New York, by Charles Hamilton, an autograph expert.

The page was signed by Oswald when he rented a room in the boarding house of Mrs. Mary Bledsoe of Dallas a month before his death.

Oswald laboriously printed his name to indicate that he had paid two weeks' October rent. A week later he is supposed to have used an alias in seeking a room elsewhere.

The valuable calendar was used by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in efforts to trace Oswald's whereabouts in the weeks before the assassination.

Letters and memorabilia of Oswald already sold by Mr. Hamilton in September brought $7,163 to the collector, Mr. Hamilton said.

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On Thanksgiving morning in 1963 the F.B.I. interviewed me at their office here in Dallas. It was in regard to a calendar page I had bought from the son of Mrs. Bledsoe. She had rented Oswald a room in her home on Marsalis St. for one week...Oct. 7-14. She didn't have her glasses when he paid her and asked that he sign his name over the 7th and 14th to show that he was paid for that period. This incident has no real significance except that he signed his real name on Oct. 7th and something happened after that to cause him to move on the 14th to another room on Beckley St. using an alias. This indicates that final plans were made during that period.

There were other incidents and coincidences that were never explained satisfactorily. The landlady on Beckley stated that a police car honked his horn as he drove by her house. This was after the assassination and before Officer Tippitt was shot..when all police cars were called in from Oak Cliff and there was not a description of Oswald broadcast when Tippitt stopped Oswald. Oswald had travelled from the boarding house in a straight line and was stopped about five blocks from Jack Ruby's apartment.

I saw the President on Main St. across from Mercantile Bank Bldg. and then started walking down Main St. About three blocks down the street someone said, "A bunch of Cubans shot the President on the way to the Trade Mart." Then they said the Cubans had shot him from the Pearl Beer Waterfall Sign(that overlooks the Stemmons freeway just before the Mart). I realize that rumor is unreliable at best, but this couldn't have been more than minutes after the President was shot. Was it possible that a back up crew was stationed at the Pearl Beer [illegible] the immediate reference to Cubans [illegible] after the assassination does seem pertinent after reading the article in Ramparts.

I doubt if I've been much help, but wish you the best of luck with your investigation and admire your courage. If I can help you in any way, please let me know.

This was as I, strolling down the parade route - conceivably a back-up group could have been there. RE

Yours very truly,

Mike Niebuhr

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